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**Update for the Communicable Diseases and Infestations Rulemaking
(9 A.A.C. Chapter 6, Articles 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, and 11)**

The Department submitted a Notice of Final Rulemaking for the Communicable Diseases and Infestations rules in Chapter 6 to the Governor's Regulatory Review Council, which reviewed and approved the rulemaking at a meeting on April 1, 2008. The new rules were effective on April 1, 2008.

In this rulemaking, the Department has revised the following rules:

- Article 1, containing definitions of terms used in more than one Article in Chapter 6;
- Article 2, regarding the reporting of information about communicable diseases and infestations;
- Article 3, specifying control measures for reportable communicable diseases and infestations;
- Article 8, specifying notification requirements for tests performed under A.R.S. § 13-1210, resulting from assaults on public safety employees and volunteers; and
- Article 10, containing the rules for HIV-related testing and notification, including testing performed at the order of a court under A.R.S. §§ 8-341 or 13-1415.

The Department has made the following new rules in Chapter 6:

- Article 9, specifying notification requirements for tests performed under A.R.S. § 32-3207, resulting from health professional exposures; and
- Article 11, containing the rules for STD-related testing and notification, including testing performed at the order of a court under A.R.S. §13-1415.

The Notice of Final Rulemaking for the Communicable Diseases and Infestations rules should be published in the *Arizona Administrative Register* on April 25, 2008.